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Cc: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]; Gray, David[gray.david@epa.gov]
From: Davis, Tim
Sent: Thur 8/20/2015 4:23:49 AM
Subject: RE: Should I create a news release manually within the website? Or just like to the new one if it appears in 11 minutes?

I have one totally ready to go right now. It can be published in < 1 minute from the moment someone gives me the green light.

From: Gentile, Laura
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 10:22 PM
To: Davis, Tim
Cc: Hull, George; Gray, David
Subject: Re: Should I create a news release manually within the website? Or just like to the new one if it appears in 11 minutes?

I defer to George on this

In the interest of time -- might be easiest to just link to the new one

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On Aug 20, 2015, at 12:20 AM, Davis, Tim <Davis.Tim@epa.gov> wrote:

I'm mainly wondering because I didn't see the press release I created on the website last night match anything on this list:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/Press%20Releases%20By%20Date!OpenView>

From: Hull, George
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 10:13 PM
To: Gray, David
Cc: Gentile, Laura; Harrison, Melissa; Lee, Monica; Smith, Roxanne; EOC Public Information; Hart, Daniel; Grantham, Nancy; Smith, Terry; Tulis, Dana; Delgado, Eric; Burgo, Daniel; Davis, Tim
Subject: Re: EOC PIO Confirmed -- Data has been posted

Ok, we will send out the release from HQ at 12:30 Eastern .

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On Aug 20, 2015, at 12:10 AM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

Terrific. Let's pull the trigger on the PR at 10:30 MT.
We will run a quick notification with congressionals.

From: Gentile, Laura

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 11:09 PM

To: Gray, David

Cc: Harrison, Melissa; Lee, Monica; Smith, Roxanne; EOC Public Information; Hull, George; Hart, Daniel; Grantham, Nancy; Smith, Terry; Tulis, Dana; Delgado, Eric; Burgo, Daniel; Davis, Tim

Subject: EOC PIO Confirmed -- Data has been posted

The R9 data has been posted to the website.

Approved by EOC PIO

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On Aug 19, 2015, at 11:15 PM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

All – here is the final press release language. We will issue it after the data is confirmed posted by LAURA GENTILE.

EPA Data Shows Water Quality in San Juan River in the Navajo Nation Back to Pre-Event Levels

DURANGO, CO – Based on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) surface water data collected following the August 5, 2015 Gold King Mine release, San Juan River water quality in Navajo Nation has returned to pre-event conditions. This determination is based on a review of water quality data collected from August 7-15, 2015 at EPA's sampling point near Hogback, N.M.

Water quality has now returned to levels measured before the release entered the Navajo Nation. Water and sediments from the mine were last observed at Nenahnezad, N.M., east of Hogback, N.M., on August 8, 2015.

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy and Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye had a productive phone conversation on August 19 to review water quality data. Based on that conversation the President indicated that the Navajo Nation may re-open the San Juan River for irrigation purposes as soon as this weekend. It was also agreed on that call, that Friday August 21, would be the last day for EPA water deliveries for agricultural use on the Navajo Nation.

EPA will work closely with the Navajo Nation in the coming weeks to ensure that a long-term monitoring plan for the San Juan River is implemented. In addition, EPA is positioned to provide technical assistance in flushing irrigation ditches on the Navajo Nation.

For more information on EPA's response to the Gold King Mine release, please visit: www.epa.gov/goldkingmine

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